

Documents on Diplomacy: Exercises

A Captive's Story

Instructions: Read the documents, *American Slaves in Algiers* and *The Unfortunate Captives*. Answer these questions as you read.

- 1.** Describe your living conditions.

- 2.** Identify the Barbary States.

- 3.** Why is trade in the Mediterranean so diminished for the United States?

- 4.** Richard O'Bryen refers to giving presents to certain government officials in Algiers. Identify these "great men" and their jobs.

- 5.** What is O'Bryen's opinion of war between Algiers and the United States?

- 6.** Assess the diplomatic actions of the Neapolitans (Naples), Spanish, and French.

- 7.** Explain the role of Charles Logie.

- 8.** What is O'Bryen's opinion of John Lamb?

- 9.** What is the tone of O'Bryen's letters?

- 10.** Imagine yourself meeting with the Dey of Algiers. Describe your surroundings. What would you say to the Dey?